Sl. No.	Name of Station
105.	Tilwara
106.	Jakholi
107.	Mandal
108.	Agwanpur
109.	Shirkoti
110.	Kanth
111.	Delpatpur
112.	Pakbara
113.	Rasoolabad
114.	Maurawa
115.	Bara
116.	Bhadarsa
117.	Bakshari
118.	Khajurahat
119.	Maya
120.	Sarapur
121.	Newada
122.	Kachhauna
123.	Kolabui
124.	Michlaul
125.	Kotabagh
126.	Barabanki
127.	Nazibabad
128.	Bulandshahr
129.	Basti
130.	Kannauj
131.	Gonda
132.	Jwalapur
133.	Chandausi
134.	Rampur
135.	Dudhahi
136.	Bewar
137.	Imalia

Sl. No.	Name of Station
138.	Cholas
139.	Thuthibari
140.	Agrora
141.	Bhagwan
142.	Dogadda

Chelliah Committee Report on Tax reforms

*105. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Raja Chelliah Committee on tax reforms has submitted its final report to Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made by it and what is Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEIKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The final report of the Tax Reforms Committee has been re ceived. Part-I deals with, and makes recommendations on, issues in five broad areas:

(i) Problems of direct taxes not considered in the Interim Report, namely, corporate profits tax including the taxation of foreign entities, problems relating to business taxation, the interest tax, taxation of agricultural income and the gift tax.

(ii) Further reform of the system of domestic indirect taxes, particularly at the Central level, more details regarding the extension of Modified Value Added Tax (MODVAT) and conversion of Modvat into Value Added Tax (VAT).

(iii) Improvements in procedures, including appellate procedures, removal of complicated prov.'sions and provisions unduly weighted against the assessee: direct taxes!—customs and excise.

(iv) Problems of administration: Making administration more efficient and at the same time more humane and more aware of the broader aspects of taxation. Changes in administrative structure, facilities, emoluments, selection procedures at the higher levels, punishments and rewards.

(v) Revenue Audit—its rote—the attitude of audit and the problems stated for the assessees—lines of reform.

The committee's recommendations on VAT, personnel and udministration, procedures, etc. pertaining to CBEC and CBDT are under examination.

In v'ew of the largs-scale changes in Central Excise and Customs duty structure, there was very little room for major changes in the direct taxes. Most of the recommendations of the Committee on Corporate Tax reforms and other related matters have, therefore, been postponed to next year.

The recommendation of the Chelliah Committee for the raising of the exemption limit for Gift Tax from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 30,000 has been accepted and Implemented.

Part-II of the Report gives the Committee's final recommendations on the changes to be effected in the duty structure relating to specific groups of industries and the time period within which) changes should be brought about. It deals also with the restructuring of excise duties and review of exemption notification in the import tariff.

Following the broad thrust of the Chelliah Committee's recommendations, significant reduction in customs duties as well as rationalisation and simplification of excise duties have been effected as is reflected in the Finance Bill, 1993.

Both Part I and Part II of the final report have been published and copies have been placed in the Library of Parliament.

Electricity distribution in Delhi by Private Agencies

*106. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal is under consideration to handover distribution of electricity in Delhi to private concerns;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it has been decided to handover distribution of power in East Delhi to the Modis;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government are aware of the opposition to this scheme from the consumers and also the DESU employees; and

(f) if so, the details in tihs regard) and also the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) and (b) A Task Force set up by the Government has recommended the introduction of private sector in power generation, transmission and distribution in Delhi, excluding New Delhi Municipal Committee and Cantonment areas. The Task Force has also recommended that the proposals for secondary transmission and distribution system may be invited from private companies through Competitive Bidding, on the basis of specified parameters.

(c) and (d) Government has not taken any decision to handover distribution of power in East Delhi to Modis.

(e) and (f) While the DESU Karam-chari Union has lodged a protest against the move for privatisation of power distribution in Delhi, there is no report of opposition from the Consumers in this regard. Government will take care of the various aspects, including interests of the DESU employees before taking any decision in the matter.